## What is claimed is:

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- 1. An antisense compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to nucleobases 96-523 of a coding region of a nucleic acid molecule encoding human superoxide dismutase 1, soluble (SEQ ID NO: 3), wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with and inhibits the expression of human superoxide dismutase 1, soluble (SEQ ID NO: 3).
- 10 2. The compound of claim 1 which is an antisense oligonucleotide.
  - 3. The compound of claim 2 wherein the antisense oligonucleotide comprises at least one modified internucleoside linkage.
- 15 4. The compound of claim 3 wherein the modified internucleoside linkage is a phosphorothicate linkage.
  - 5. The compound of claim 2 wherein the antisense oligonucleotide comprises at least one modified sugar moiety.
- 6. The compound of claim 5 wherein the modified sugar moiety is a 2'-O-methoxyethyl sugar moiety.
  - 7. The compound of claim 2 wherein the antisense oligonucleotide comprises at least one modified nucleobase.
- 8. The compound of claim 7 wherein the modified nucleobase is a 5-methylcytosine.
  - 9. The compound of claim 2 wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a chimeric oligonucleotide.
- 10. A method of inhibiting the expression of superoxide dismutase 1, soluble in brain and spinal cord, comprising intraventricularly administering to an animal a compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a nucleic acid molecule encoding superoxide dismutase 1 so that expression of superoxide dismutase 1, soluble is inhibited.